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A communications link between you and your government, this publication intends to keep you informed about the “happenings” in your town.

Message from Town Hall

Reduce and Reuse This Holiday Season

It's the holiday season. The time when we create more throw away material than at any other time of the year. But just because we create it all doesn't mean we have to throw it all away. With your local curbside or drop off program and other recycling resources, you can make the holiday season the season of recycling. You can recycle gift boxes, Christmas trees, wrapping paper, cards, junk mail, magazines, catalogs, plastic, glass and aluminum beverage containers, and more!



Did you know...?

- Americans throw away 25% more trash during the Thanksgiving to New Year's holiday season than any other time of year. This extra garbage amounts to 25 million tons of trash.
- If every family in the U.S. reused just 2 feet of holiday ribbon, the 38,000 miles of ribbon saved could tie a bow around the entire planet.
- The 2.65 billion Christmas cards sold each year in the U.S. could fill a football field 10 stories high. If we each sent one card less, we'd save 50,000 cubic yards of paper.

How to Have a Greener Holiday Season

- Use reusable shopping bags. This will reduce the number of plastic bags that get trashed and minimize the amount of petroleum used to make them. If you receive plastic bags, remember to recycle the clean ones at your local grocery store.
- Send your holiday greetings in

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electronic form. E-cards can be enhanced with sound and animation and they create no physical waste.

- If you use traditional gift wrapping, avoid wrapping gifts in materials that are not recyclable or reusable, such as foil or metallic papers. Always buy recycled-content wrapping paper.

If your store doesn't sell recycled-content wrapping paper, ask the manager to order it in the future.

- If you send holiday cards, buy recycled-content cards and envelopes. Or make your own cards or gift tags out of last year's cards and the wrapping paper you saved.
- Recycle your tree and wreath.

Septic Health Initiative

If your home or business is connected to a conventional septic system, contact the Town for a free, no cost inspection, and find out more about other incentives the Septic Health Initiative has to offer.

Why pay someone else for an on-site inspection? Town inspections are performed at no cost and will greatly help in the overall operation and maintenance of your system.

For more information

Todd Krafft, Water Quality Coordinator
252-449-6047/krafft@townofnagshead.net

Did You Know?

Outer Banks Hauling offers a seasonal service (3 month minimum contract) for residential properties that may not need recyclable collection all year.



The Town of Nags Head will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2011 with several events during the year. The festivities will kick-off with the Kelly's Outer Banks Tavern St. Patrick's Day Parade in March. Tentative plans call for a tour of the town's art collection and an event with Nags Head Elementary School this spring.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for Tuesday June 14th for activities at the new Jennette's Pier. More information to come! Be sure to check the town website for more details as they emerge!

The 50th Anniversary Committee is putting together a keepsake cookbook, "Fifty Years and Still Cooking." If you would like to submit a recipe, you can e-mail them to nagsheadcookbook@gmail.com or mail them to:

Town of Nags Head
Attention: Cookbook
PO Box 99
Nags Head, NC 27959

Make sure you include your name, address and phone number.

To help with planning this celebration, contact:
John Ratzenberger, Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee
home 252-480-0752
cell 252-573-9016
JohnRatzenberger@earthlink.net

Threats to Pets During the Holiday Season

The holiday season is one of togetherness and closeness, and as pets take on a more important role in our lives they are increasingly a big part of the holiday festivities.

During this otherwise joyous season, a few pet dangers are lurking, though.

Plants

If eaten in sufficient quantities, the Poinsettia can cause a mild and usually temporary stomach and intestinal upset, but this is more of a risk for your carpet than it is for your pet.

Among plants that can pose a hazard are mistletoe (causes more serious gastrointestinal and potentially heart issues), and lilies (which can cause lethal kidney failure in cats at very small amounts).

Chocolate

Chocolate is often cited as posing a humongous threat to dogs. If your 95-pound Great Pyrenees eats two M and M's, you're going to be fine. It takes quite a bit of milk chocolate to cause problems – somewhere around one pound of chocolate for 30 to 40 pounds of body weight.

Chocolate is often used by people to help heal a broken heart, but in dogs (if they eat enough of it) that's just what it can cause: The signs of true chocolate poisoning are racing

heartbeat, irregular heart rhythm and high blood pressure.

It can present a toxic hazard, though; dark chocolate is worse (it takes far less to cause symptoms) and baking chocolate is even more toxic than dark chocolate.

Food

The holiday season is all about food and there's plenty of it to be had: cookies, roast beast, puddings and more cookies! To you, it may just mean another hour on the stair-stepper, but to your dog (luckily, cats are usually smarter than to overeat during the holiday season) it can cause real problems.

Vomiting and diarrhea are common after eating too much food meant to be served to human guest and this can proceed onto a more serious condition called pancreatitis in some cases. Pancreatitis is inflammation of the pancreas, the same gland that makes digestive enzymes as well as insulin. So, when the pancreas becomes inflamed, it releases these enzymes and begins digesting itself – this can be very serious, painful and often requires hospitalization.

It is probably a good idea to either keep pets confined during any holiday parties, or make sure guests (especially kids) know

not to give treats to your pets.

Tinsel

This stringy, silvery and not-at-all-edible stuff can get all twisted up in the intestinal tract (usually cats — guess that feline smarts only goes so far) and cause real problems. Keep it above cat-level on the tree and consider not using it at all.

Booze

Make sure that all the boozy party leftovers are well out of reach. While not as poisonous as some of the other things on this list, no one wants to see a dog with a hangover — it's just too sad to even conceive of!



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Nags Head Seeks Lightkeeper Nominations

The Town's Citizens Advisory Committee is accepting nominations for the prestigious "Nags Head Lightkeeper" award through December 17, 2010.

The Lightkeeper award honors individuals who have shown significant personal and professional leadership in the Nags Head community and who have helped shaped the image and direction of the town. Nominees do not have to be residents or past residents of Nags Head.

Nomination forms can be downloaded from the Town's website at www.townofnagshead.net. Look under News & Information for the Nags Head

Seeks Lightkeeper Nominations button.

Nominations should include a short biography and justification for the recommendation as well as the nominee's name and address so their biography can be verified. The nominator's name and address should also be included.

Nomination information may be used during the Town's 50th Anniversary celebration on June 14, 2011, so please provide as much information as possible.

Mail completed forms to:
Citizens Advisory Committee
Town of Nags Head
Post Office Box 99

Nags Head, NC 27959

Nominations may be held from one year to the next for consideration.

Lightkeeper Criteria

General

- Community Name Recognition

Professional

- Community Involvement
- Involvement Length
- Leadership

Personal

- Number of years as Nags Head resident (may be former resident or non-resident)
- Friendliness
- Public Interaction
- Negatives

Sand Fencing Project Now Underway

The Town is accepting letters authorizing the placement of sand fence on the eastern face of the primary dune at residential properties along the oceanfront. To be eligible, the sand fencing must be placed outside (westward) of the "wet sand" beach.

If a property owner is interested in participating in this project, they must submit a letter requesting and authorizing this work to be done at their location. Visit the Town's web site at www.townofnagshead.net (look under News & Information on the right side of the web page) to print and sign an authorization letter.

Applications will be accepted for all properties; however, priority will be given to property owners who have applied in the past, but time or lack of dry sand beach has prevented sand fence installation in past years.

Contact Public Works at 252-441-1122 for more information. Funds for this project are being provided by the Dare County Shoreline Management Commission. The work is expected to begin in spring 2011 (weather permitting).



Sand fencing installed last year along Nags Head's oceanfront assists with dune building by trapping wind blown- sand.

Nags Head Police Department

Update

The Nags Head Police Department is currently authorized 22 positions for sworn law enforcement officers. Due to a downturn in the economy, the department has two frozen police positions, leaving just 20 sworn officers to serve the town of Nags Head. Being short staffed can cause issues when staffing is needed in certain situations. However, as with smaller law enforcement agencies, the Town regularly works closely with other departments to accomplish a common goal - serving and protecting Dare County's citizens and visitors.

A recent example of law enforcement agencies working together occurred in September of this year. Officers with the Nags Head Police Department, during a regular patrol of Nags Head Woods, came across a man, who, upon seeing the officers, seemed startled and ran from the area. Not knowing why the man ran, the officers investigated further and discovered a vehicle that had been abandoned off one of the trails. A check of the national law enforcement database reported that the vehicle had been stolen in New York State in June. Further investigation revealed two active campsites in the general vicinity of the recovered stolen vehicle. Information gathered from these

campsites lead officers to believe the person who had fled from them earlier was Myodi Dennis Galliera, a wanted fugitive from New York State.

For those unfamiliar with Nags Head Woods, it is 1,400 rolling wooded acres with dense maritime forest and low lying marshes. Usually a welcome natural respite from the beach traffic, the characteristics of the Woods proved to be an excellent hiding place for Galliera. Nags Head officers, along with members of the Kill Devil Hills Police Department, Dare County Sheriff's Office, and North Carolina Crime Control and Public Safety, Alcohol Law Enforcement Division, collectively worked for several days to locate Galliera. A US Coast Guard helicopter from Air Station Elizabeth City even assisted the search by flying over the area using heat seeking instruments.

On the sixth day of tracking Galliera, detectives with the Nags Head Police Department received information that he was in a small wooded area near Eighth Street and Lark Avenue (not far

from Nags Head's Public Works complex). A search team consisting of officers from Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, and North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement, was quickly assembled and began a methodical search of this wooded area. Approximately fifteen minutes into the search, Galliera was spotted as he attempted to flee the area. After a brief chase, Galliera was taken into custody without injury to him or the arresting officers.

The Nags Head Police Department has an excellent working relationship with the area's local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. By working together and using all available resources, as was the case in this arrest, our officers provide the highest level of law enforcement service to our residents and visitors.



A search team consisting of Police officers from Nags Head, Kill Devil Hills, and North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement worked together to find Myodi Dennis Galliera, a wanted fugitive from New York State.

Sanitation Collection Schedule

Residential

East Route

Properties south of NC 12/1243 intersection (Whalebone Junction), properties located on NC 12, and properties south of MP 11.5/Old Nags Head Place that lie between NC 12 and US 158



Summer Schedule (Begins 3rd Monday in May)

Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday - Collection begins 3 a.m.

Winter Schedule (Begins last Monday in September)

Monday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m.

West Route

Properties west of US 158, properties north of MP 11.5/
Old Nags Head Place that lie between NC 12 and US 158, and properties accessed from US 64/264

Same Schedule All Year Tuesday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m. (winter) and 3 a.m. (summer)

Please roll out carts facing the street the day prior to collection day and back to the house on collection day.

Having a special event and need to rent extra carts?

Call Public Works, 252-441-1122.

Commercial

Summer Schedule (Begins 3rd Monday in May)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday - Collection begins 3 a.m.

Winter Schedule (Begins last Monday in September)

Monday and Friday - Collection begins 5 a.m.

Bulk Item/Brush Drop Off/Collection

Bulk items/brush can be dropped off throughout the year at the Town's collection site at 2211 Lark Avenue, across from Public Works.

Site hours are:

Monday, Thursday, and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

From October 1 through April 30, the Town will collect bulk/brush items from your curb by appointment. Call Nags Head Public Works at 252-441-1122 for more information.



RECYCLING INFORMATION

Curbside Collection

Curbside recycling is provided by Outer Banks Hauling (252-480-6699). For \$7.45/month, Outer Banks Hauling will provide a recycling container in which to place your recyclables. The container will be emptied every Tuesday. Outer Banks Hauling offers a seasonal service (3 month minimum contract) for residential properties that may not need recyclable collection all year.

Town Collection Points

Open 24 hours/day

- Nags Head Town Hall
- Nags Head Public Works
- Huron St. Public Beach Access

Town Boards and Committees

Board of Commissioners

Mayor Bob Oakes, Mayor Pro Tem Wayne Gray,
Doug Remaley, Anna Sadler, and M. Renée Cahoon

Planning Board

Chair Robert Edwards, Vice-Chair Susie Walters,
Carl "Pogie" Worsley, Angelina Lowe, Clyde Futrell,
Tom Haddon, Marvin Demers, and alternate Barbara
Gernat

Board of Adjustments

Chair Jack Cooper, Vice-Chair Margaret Suppler,
Alvin Hibbs, Susan Boncek, Judy Burnette, and
alternates Bob Muller, Matt Whelan, John Mascaro,
and Bobby Gentry

Serve your community by volunteering for a Town board or committee. Applications are kept on file for two years for consideration by the Board of Commissioners when vacancies occur. If interested, call the Town Clerk at 252-449-2009 or obtain an application from www.townofnagshead.net.

Personnel Grievance Panel

John Ratzenberger, Perry White, and George Barnes

Citizens Advisory Committee

Chair John Ratzenberger, Vice-Chair Russell Lay,
Susan Boncek, John White; Dennis Mabe; Marty
Moore, Suzanne Tate, Toni Parker, C. Patrick
Pritchard, and Perry White

Dangerous Animal Appeal Board

Bob Oakes, Perry White, Bobby Gentry, and Jeffrey
Ackerman

Municipal Complex Information

Town Manager

Cliff Ogburn

Finance Officer

Kim Kenny

Fire Chief

Kevin Zorc

Interim Planning and Development Director

Bruce Bortz

Police Chief

Kevin Brinkley

Public Works Director

Dave Clark

Town Clerk

Carolyn F. Morris

Public Information

5401 S. Croatan Highway
Administration, Finance/Tax, Water Billing, Planning/
Development
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
252-441-5508, Email: info@townofnagshead.net

Public Works

2200 Lark Avenue
Public Facilities Maintenance, Sanitation, Fleet Maintenance,
Water Distribution and Operations
Monday - Friday, 7:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
252-441-1122
Email: publicworks@townofnagshead.net

Police

Emergency **9-1-1**
Non Emergency 252-473-3444
5401 S. Croatan Highway
Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
252-441-6386, Fax 252-441-7335
Email: police@townofnagshead.net

Fire and Ocean Rescue

Emergency **9-1-1**
Non Emergency 252-473-3444
Fire Station 16, 5314 S. Croatan Highway
24 Hours, 252-441-5909, Fax 252-441-8268
Fire Station 21, 8806 S. Old Oregon Inlet Road
24 Hours, 252-441-2910, Fax 252-441-3978
Email: fire@townofnagshead.net



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Town Meeting Calendar

Agendas for Board of Commissioners meetings are published in advance in *The Coastland Times*. All meetings will be held in the Board Room unless otherwise specified. Agenda and background material for the Board of Commissioners meetings can be found on the Town's web site at www.townofnagshead.net.

Board of Commissioners

Meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9 a.m. An adjourned session is held the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. when the Board has a need to hold a second meeting during the month. Meeting dates are subject to change in the event of a conflict (though this occurs rarely).

Planning Board

Meets the third Tuesday of each month (except in December when they meet the second Tuesday instead) at 3:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Meeting dates are subject to change in the event of a conflict (though this occurs rarely).

Board of Adjustments

Meets the second Thursday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Board Room when there is a case to be heard by them.

Community Watch

Meets the second Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, and October) at 7 p.m. in the Police Training Room. Call the Police Department at 252-441-6386 for meeting times for the August and December meetings.

Dangerous Animal Appeal Board

Meets as needed in the Board Room.

Citizens Advisory Committee

Meets as needed in the Board Room.

Personnel Grievance Panel

Meets in the Board Room on an as-needed basis when a grievance is referred to them.